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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2008, please consider the following:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.